

Commission adopts sustainability strategy for Dayton

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Many Americans are acutely aware that the negative effects of climate change have already begun and are likely to get much worse over the coming decade. In an effort to get ahead of this looming crisis, the Dayton City Commission today approved the City of Dayton's first comprehensive Sustainability Strategy.

The strategy sets out 115 projects and initiatives aimed at positioning the City of Dayton to: be efficient in consumption of energy and natural resources; transition to renewable energy as quickly as feasible and affordable; foster transportation options that diversify the methods people use move about the city; and encourage "right" recycling. Dayton's Sustainability Office will track progress on these projects and will periodically report to the Commission, City Manager and the community.

Like many other American cities, Dayton's goal is to remake itself into a community as sustainable and resilient as possible. Dayton's ultimate aim is to become a regional center for green jobs and a green economy.

The strategy also ensures that City staff will keep economic development, community engagement, and equity as top-of-mind considerations when implementing projects and fashioning other climate change solutions.

To see the strategy in its entirety, go to daytonohio.gov/sustainability.

There are many things local residents can do to practice sustainability at home. These include recycling all eligible waste items, controlling the use of cooling, heating and electricity consumption, engaging in backyard composting of food and green wastes, and minimizing stormwater runoff.

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